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Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA Disaster Office to Close Saturday, March 4

Sacramento, CA – The U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will close its disaster office at **1 pm** on **Saturday, March 4**, announced Alfred E. Judd, SBA's Disaster Area Director. All disaster victims who have received an SBA application are encouraged to return it to us at the office before it closes. The SBA disaster office, located in **SBA's Reno Branch Office, 745 West Moana Lane, Suite 375**, has been open since February 14 to provide personalized assistance to residents and businesses that suffered losses from the flooding.

The office will be open this **Wednesday, Thursday** and **Friday** from **9 am to 6 pm** and **Saturday** from **9 am to 1 pm**. "SBA's customer service representatives will be available to answer specific questions about how a disaster loan from SBA may help each victim recover from the disaster, and provide one-on-one assistance in completing their loan application," Judd said.

According to Judd, disaster loans of up to \$200,000 are still available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

Businesses of any size and private non-profit organizations may borrow up to \$1.5 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. "Additionally, Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$1.5 million are available to small businesses only if they were adversely impacted financially by the disaster, even if they had no property damages," Judd continued.

After SBA's disaster office closes, individuals and businesses should mail their completed applications to SBA at 14925 Kingsport Road, Ft. Worth, TX 76155. Applications and information may also be obtained by writing to SBA at this address or by calling toll-free **(800) 659-2955**. Hearing impaired individuals may call (800) 877-8339.

The filing deadline to return applications for property damage is **April 11, 2006**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **November 13, 2006**.

For more information visit SBA's website at www.sba.gov/disaster.

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